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Title of the Invention

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## DISPENSING PACKAGE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION This application is a  
Section 371 of PCT/JP00/01359, published in English language on October 19,  
2000 under W/O 00/61444, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by  
reference

## Technical Field

The present invention relates to a dispensing package for accommodating and displaying stick-like small articles, especially small-sized cylindrical batteries such as AA size batteries for sales purpose or the like.

## Background Art

Various kinds of packages for accommodating batteries and other daily necessities are commercially available. U.S. Patent No. 5,460,322 discloses a dispensing container comprising: a case suitable for accommodating therein a plurality of products; an opening provided on an upper part of the case; a lid for closing the opening; and a tear-out flap for forming an extracting outlet provided on the sidewall adjacent its bottom end. In the field of batteries, widely used are so-called shrink-packages or blister-packages in which two or four batteries are wrapped by means of heat-shrinkable resin tubes. When such packages for accommodating articles are displayed, being aligned on a showcase at a storefront or suspended, customers can visually confirm with ease types, grades or brand names of contents, and the packages for accommodating articles are also conveniently portable.